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1. There was an air force barracks in Grozny (43°20'N/45°40'E), Ordzhonikidze Oblast, about 150 meters south of the new Krasny Molot steel plant and east of a railroad station on a branch line. The fenced-in barracks area was about 200x300 meters. On its east side was a two-story quartering building about 20x70 meters. A wooden garage, about 7x60 meters, was located in the northern part of the barracks area. The installation appeared to be old and neglected.
2. When the unit assembled, about 200 men were observed. Following the formation almost all of them mounted trucks which left in the direction of an airfield located about 15 km northwest of the town. About 80 percent of the personnel quartered in the installation were officers, their average age being 23 to 25 years. On some days groups of up to 50 men were seen drilling at field in the center of the barracks area.
3. There was a barracks installation occupied by an air force unit, located near a steel plant under construction, east of a railroad station on a branch line, and northwest of the main railroad station. Several brick quarters were seen on both sides of the approach road. A narrow strip of park surrounded the barracks area. Every morning about 300 soldiers marched from the installation to the railroad station on the branchline, where they boarded a train going in the direction of Novy Gorod, a town built after 1945 about 5 km northwest of Grozny.
4. There was an airfield about 12 km northwest of Grozny, just east of an asphalt road leading from Grozny to the northwest. It was observed once that not less than 200 aircraft, about half of them single-engine fighters similar to Me-109s, the other half twin-engine bombers, were parked along the edges of the field. These aircraft were seen aloft individually and in small formations.

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5. There was another airfield 1 to 2 km east of the town, just south of the railroad line in Bala (100°28'N, 109°55'E). The landing field had a scanty grass cover and permanent installations were not available. Single-engine low-wing monoplanes, which practiced takeoffs and landings, were stationed at this field. The aircraft were called helicopter (ground attack planes) by other Pils.

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